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To: Property Owners / Management Agents Section 8 Developments

Performance Based Contract Administration and Traditional Contract Administration portfolios

From: Minnesota Housing (MHFA)  
Multi Family Division  
Section 8 Contract Administration PBCA and TCA

Subject: On February 11, 2009 HUD published a notice of proposed delay in effective date for the January 27, 2009 Final Rule titled "The Refinement of Income and Rent Determination Requirements in Public and assisted Housing Programs."

Owners and Agents are encouraged to begin immediately notifying households receiving Section 8 rental assistance, and applicants on the waiting list, of the requirement to provide social security numbers for **all** household members. Early notification will allow persons affected time to begin the process of applying for a social security number prior to the effective date. Early notification is critical to compliance with this requirement.

HUD's records indicate that many of the tenants without social security numbers are children under the age of 6.

For individuals in mixed families who do not contend eligible immigration status under HUD's noncitizens regulations, proration of assistance and screening for these families should continue according to the existing requirements.

A link to the notice regarding the proposed delay and the final rule referenced above can be found on HUD's website at: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/hudclips/fr/>, reference: FR-4998-N-03 and FR-4998-F-02

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